

## **SAFETY POLICY STATEMENT OF THE COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS**




*Warrior preservation is a vital element of force preservation and force assurance. Our combat readiness and cohesion are affected when Marines are lost or injured due to mishaps.*

*Although Marines are working to improve Marine Corps Safety, we can and must do better. We must change the culture across our Corps to positively influence behavior and reduce mishaps - on - and off-duty, during operations, training and recreation - especially for government and private motor vehicles, including motorcycles.*

*Marines at every level will understand:*

- Safety is the responsibility of every Marine. Every Marine must actively mitigate on - and off-duty risks and hazards to maintain individual readiness.*
- Safety is also a leadership responsibility. Noncommissioned officers and company grade officers provide the institutional foundation for safety - reinforcing individual and unit safety measures. Remember, "Marines take care of their own."*
- Commanders positively influence safe behavior by setting the example, training and education enforcement, intervention, and accountability - fully integrating force preservation principles into training, operations, and off-duty events.*
- Headquarters Marine Corps will provide the policies, training, and education to reinforce a Marine Corps culture that embraces force preservation.*

*Safety programs will never replace leadership. Leadership is key to preventing accidental deaths and injuries that directly affect the readiness and combat capability of our force. Together we must set the foundation of safe practices to preserve our Marines and Sailors and the equipment they operate.*

  
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